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WINE IMPORTERS, LTD



Argentina



WINERY	Bodega Benegas
WINE	Don Tiburcio
COUNTRY	Argentina
REGION	Mendoza
VARIETAL	50% Malbec, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Cabernet Franc, 5% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot (from old vines)
LOCATION OF VINEYARDS	Libertad Estate Vineyard, Upper Mendoza River Bank
ALTITUDE	850 mt asl (2,800 feet)
VINIFICATION	Vinification in concrete vats followed by an average 10-month oak ageing.
ALCOHOL CONTENT	14.5%
OENOLOGIST	Federico Benegas Lynch
NOTES	The wine takes its name from Tiburcio Benegas, Federico's grandfather, the founder of the historic 'El Trapiche' winery and it belongs to the winery's estate line with grapes sourced from estate-owned vineyards. Finca Libertad comprises approximately 40 hectares located in the Upper Mendoza River Bank. It boasts some of the oldest vines in the area, all ungrafted and not clones: Cabernet Franc is 120 years old, Cabernet Sauvignon is 80 years old, Sangiovese, Malbec and Syrah vines are approx 60 years old and a more recently acquired strip of land has 20-year old Merlot plants. Traditional irrigation with pure water coming from the Andes Mountains, due to the desertic climate.

TASTING NOTES

Don Tiburcio is an interesting blend that combines Argentina's emblematic grape variety with the complexity given by the typical Bordeaux grapes. It displays an intense and deep cherry color, clear and bright. Rich aromatic intensity, freshness and roundness in the mouth, which invites to keep drinking. The oak ageing imparts a bouquet of ripe tannins and great persistence. Enjoy it with a meal of red meat, grilled or stewed, or paste with a rich meat sauce.

ABOUT THE WINERY

Bodega Benegas is the result of Federico Benegas Lynch's effort and passion. The current owner, Federico was born and grew up on the historic 'El Trapiche' winery which had been founded by his grandfather Tiburcio Benegas in 1883. The property stayed with the family for 4 generations until it was sold in the 1970's. It was in 1998 that Federico was able to fully return to his own wine business when he bought "La Libertad" vineyard located in the Upper Mendoza River Bank, an old family estate and an exclusive old winery that had belonged to his mother's family. The winery, built in 1901 in the traditional 'adobe' style (mud and straw mixed) is one of the few historic relics in the area. Federico restored it preserving its original details and fitted it with the necessary technology to produce excellent wines. Blessed with excellent grapes sourced from top sites and old vines, Benegas offers a full range of Argentine wines that are sure to please all palates and pockets.

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